REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 14-22, and 122-130 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 14-22, and 122-130 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-3 and 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,304,869 to Moore et al. (hereinafter "Moore").

Applicants have amended claims 1-3 and 122. Support for the present claim amendments can be found in the specification in the fourth paragraph on page 2, the first, third, and last full paragraphs of page 3, the paragraphs of pages 8 and 9, the third full paragraph of page 10 through the second full paragraph of page 12, the last full paragraph of page 14 through the last full paragraph of page 15, the third full paragraph of page 17, the first full paragraph of page 18, the third paragraph of page 24, the first full paragraph of page 25, and the second paragraph of page 32, among other places. Support for the present claim amendments can additionally be found in Figures 1, 3B, 6A, 7A, and 7B among other places.

Claims 1-3, 14-22, and 122-130 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

A.   Claims 1-3 and 14-22 (Written Description)

Claims 1-3 and 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that "no basis is seen for the limitations relating to a need for a product, function, or service and product, function, or service that at least partially satisfies the need."[1]

Applicants have amended claims 1-3. Support for the present claim amendments is set forth above. The first full paragraph of page 3, for example, recites "[a]s used herein, 'web-enabled' refers to designed to operate over the internet or an intranet." Moreover, the first paragraph of the Detail Description on page 8 recites:

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[1] Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2004, page 2.

> The software enabled wizards may be utilized in computer programs
> and/or as part of an internet, intranet and/or extranet site. The wizards are
> particularly advantageous as web enabled wizards for use in a corporate
> intranet, extranet, or internet setting.

In view of the support provided for the claim amendments in the specification and figures of the present application, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-3 are compliant with the written description requirement of § 112, first paragraph, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the present rejection.

The rejection of claims 14-22 was predicated on their dependency from claims 1-3.[2] The Examiner did not reject claims 14-22 for lack of written description in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2004. Applicants respectfully assert that the compliance of claims 1-3 with the written description requirement of § 112, first paragraph, traverses the present rejection of claims 14-22 under the same and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

B.   Claims 122-130 (Written Description)

In rejecting claim 122, the Examiner states that "the specification contemplates outputting data related to a chemical product, function, or service but does not contemplate unspecified data output."[3] Applicants have amended claim 122. Support for the amendment is set forth above. The third paragraph of page 24, for example, recites

> FIG. 7A is a block diagram illustrating the inputs and outputs of the
> Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Formulator Wizard. In one embodiment of
> this wizard, a user inputs one or more blend compositions 701. The
> wizard then calculates the standard adhesive properties of that blend 702
> and outputs these properties in the form of tabular data 703 and graphs
> 704.

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[2] *Id.*
[3] *Id.*

Applicants respectfully assert that claim 122 is compliant with the written description requirement of § 112, first paragraph, and respectfully request that the present rejection be withdrawn. As claims 123-127 stand rejected based on their dependency from claim 122, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are compliant with the written description requirement of § 112, first paragraph, and respectfully request that the rejection of claims 123-127 be withdrawn as well.

Applicants additionally respectfully assert that claims 128-130 fully comply with the written description requirement as the output data is specified in these claims. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the present rejection of claims 128-130 as well.

C.   Claims 1-3 and 14-22 (Enablement)

Claims 1-3 and 14-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner states that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The present specification provides one of ordinary skill in the art with sufficient information to make and use the claimed inventions without undue experimentation. By way of example, Figure 1, and the accompanying description on pages 10 and 11 of the present specification describe a possible architecture for an embodiment of the present invention using software packages familiar to those of ordinary skill in the art. Pages 12-49 of the specification, and Figures 2-20, provide specific details on many possible embodiments of the present invention. Each specifically described embodiment provides support for the present claims.

The Examiner argues that the claims are not limited to a specific algorithm and therefore not enabled. As noted above, however, the present invention may be embodied in many different ways. Further, algorithms utilized in particular embodiments of the present invention are described and referenced in the present specification. *See, e.g.,*

page 12, lines 25-27. The choice of particular algorithm is within the skill of one of ordinary skill in the art and will depend on the data desired on the chemical product, function or service.

For all of these reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3 and 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-3 and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Moore. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Moore does not teach or describe a system, method, or a computer-readable medium comprising intranet or internet capabilities. As a result, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-3 are not anticipated by Moore and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the present rejection.
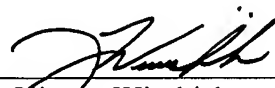
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing an allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact J. Clinton Wimbish at (336) 607-7399 or Charles W. Calkins at (336) 607-7315 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

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